



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Amador County – Package Explodes Inside Amador County Mailbox

(U) According to the Amador County Sheriff's Office, a parcel exploded in a mailbox Saturday and started a fire across the street which was quickly extinguished. A second package was found on the ground directly in front of the exploded mailbox. Deputies called out a bomb squad to x-ray the package but were unable to make a confirmation. After detonating the package, officials determined it did not contain an explosive. An investigation into the initial explosion and fire is underway.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Sacramento Bee](#)

#### (U) Yuba City – Five Pipe Bombs Found During Yuba City Traffic Stop

(U) A Sutter County sheriff's deputy pulled over Jeffrey Dickerson, 61, and noticed a can of pepper spray in the car. It was later learned that Dickerson was a felon and therefore prohibited from being in possession of pepper spray. While searching the vehicle after Dickerson had been arrested, deputies found what they believed to be five pipe bombs, a black powder handgun, and "components that could possibly be used to make destructive devices." The Butte County Bomb Squad determined the items were pipe bombs and rendered them safe. Dickerson was booked into the Sutter County Jail and is facing charges of felon in possession of firearms and possession of pipe bombs.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [FOX 40](#)

### (U) SOUTHERN BORDER

#### (U) Arizona – Officials Seize 47,000 Rainbow Fentanyl Pills

(U) Nogales – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents this weekend seized another 47,000 brightly colored fentanyl pills that officials warn are putting children in danger. The pills were seized at the Nogales, Arizona, port of entry on Saturday. Another 186,000 blue fentanyl pills and 6 1/2-pounds of methamphetamine were found in the floor compartment of a vehicle trying to pass through the land checkpoint. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recently issued an advisory about the "rainbow" fentanyl pills, which authorities say are meant to look like candy and are being used to target young Americans.

SOURCE: 5 September 2022, [News Nation](#)

#### (U) Texas – US Border Agents Seize More Than \$164K in Marijuana

(U) Edinburg – On 5 September, Rio Grande City Border Patrol Station agents assigned to Bike Patrol observed multiple subjects carrying bundles away from the Rio Grande in Escobares. Agents seized three bundles of marijuana weighing 115-pounds and valued at \$92,000. Just after midnight the following day, McAllen Border Patrol Station agents observed a group of ten subjects walking away from the Rio Grande. Responding agents arrested six migrants from Mexico and Romania and seized two bundles of marijuana weighing 90-pounds and is valued at \$72,000.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [US CBP](#)

**(U) NATIONAL**

**(U) District of Columbia – FBI Warns of Vice Society Ransomware Attacks on School Districts**

(U) Washington – The FBI, DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and the Multi-State – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) warned yesterday of US school districts being increasingly targeted by the Vice Society ransomware group, with more attacks expected after the start of the new school year. The joint advisory also provides network defenders with Vice Society indicators of compromise (IOCs) and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) observed by the FBI in attacks as recently as September 2022.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Bleeping Computer CISA](#)

**(U) District of Columbia – HSBC Found Not Liable for Al-Qa'ida Suicide Attack at CIA Base**

(U) Washington – A divided US appeals court on Tuesday said HSBC Holdings plc was not liable to the families of two American contractors killed in an al-Qa'ida suicide bombing of a CIA base in Afghanistan, after the bank allegedly evaded US sanctions targeting sponsors of terrorism. The families accused HSBC of violating federal anti-terrorism laws through its dealings with Iran's state-controlled Bank Melli and Bank Saderat, and Saudi Arabia's Al Rajhi Bank, each with alleged financial ties to al-Qa'ida or other US - designated terrorist groups. But in a 2-1 decision, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals said the families did not plausibly allege that HSBC aided and abetted al-Qa'ida terrorism, or was "generally aware" it played a role, through its years of dealings with intermediary banks.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Hawaii – Hawaii Proud Boys Founder Agrees to Plea Deal for Involvement in 6 January 2021 Riots**

(U) Honolulu – Hawaii Proud Boys founder Nick Ochs has agreed to a plea deal for his involvement in the 6 January US Capitol riots. Court documents say Ochs will plead guilty to obstructing an official proceeding. The agreement drops other charges. Ochs also agreed that the potential sentence could be more than three-and-a-half-years in federal prison. Prosecutors also released a list of videos that show Ochs and codefendant Nicholas DeCarlo were actively involved in entering the US Capitol, defaced a door and threw a smoke grenade at police.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Hawaii News Now](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Albania – Country Cuts Iran Ties Over Cyberattack, US Vows Further Action**

(U) Tirana – Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran on Wednesday and kicked out its diplomats after a cyberattack in July it blamed on the Islamic Republic; a move Washington supported as it vowed to act in response to the attack on its NATO ally. Albania ordered Iranian diplomats and embassy staff to leave within 24 hours. The United States said it concluded after weeks of investigation that Iran was behind the "reckless and irresponsible" 15 July cyberattack.

SOURCE: 7 September 2022, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Argentina – Member of Argentina's 'Kyle Rittenhouse Cultural Center' Arrested**

(U) Buenos Aires – A self-styled member of a "Kyle Rittenhouse Cultural Center" in Argentina was arrested on Monday after he celebrated a man who pointed a gun at the country's vice president in a failed assassination attempt. José Derman posted a YouTube video last week in support of Fernando Andrés Sabag Montiel. Argentine authorities subsequently raided Derman's home, another property linked to him, and the "Kyle Rittenhouse Cultural Center" in La Plata, where they found paintings and

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inscriptions linked to the far-right. No charges have been filed against him, though officials said they were investigating him for "public intimidation" and "incitement to violence."

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Business Insider](#)

### **(U) Japan – Officials Probe Possible Involvement of Pro-Russian Group in Cyberattacks**

(U) Tokyo – Japan said on Wednesday it is investigating the possible involvement of a pro-Russian group after multiple government websites suffered disruptions a day earlier. Japan's government is looking into whether problems with accessing more than 20 websites across four government ministries was caused by a denial-of-service (DDoS) attack. The government websites could not be accessed on Tuesday evening, but services were restored on the same day. The pro-Russian group "Killnet" was quoted by media as saying it was responsible for attacks on the government websites.

SOURCE: 6 September 2022, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) Somalia – Deadly Al-Shabab Attack Targets Food Convoy**

(U) Mogadishu – The militant group al-Shabab killed 20 people and burned seven trucks carrying food supplies in central Somalia, the authorities and the state media said on Saturday, in the latest deadly attack to rock nation gripped by catastrophic hunger and worsening drought. The attack took place overnight on Friday as vehicles ferried passengers, food aid, and commercial goods between the towns of Beledweyne and Mahas in the central Hiran region. Some of those killed included women and children. Two vehicles carrying those who went to rescue the victims were also targeted with improvised explosive devices. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack but said they had targeted vehicles ferrying supplies for members of a local security force backed by the Somali government.

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